

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/764,975

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address–

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/18/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/26/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 05/02/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard H. Handerson on 05/02/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract, line 3, the word "means" has been changed to --way--.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Swanson discloses a battery box comprising a casing mounted on a car body of a railway vehicle, a movable tray equipped with a battery and stored within the battery box, a connector provided on the movable tray, a guide means configured to guide the movable tray to cause the connector to be connected to the receiving connector.

Schellentrager et al disclose a method of handling or moving a battery from one place to another comprising a pair of laterally spaced platforms with a locomotive track in between, a sectional battery track or guide having one section thereof on the locomotive and the other sections on each of the platforms, a carriage to move the batteries, means for coupling the two batteries and the carriage so that one movement of the carriage moves both of the batteries simultaneously. Kappei discloses a battery box for a railway vehicle comprising a pair of guide rails, a casing mounted the guide rails.

Arresting recesses are provided in the guide rails to receive the rollers of the battery box

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only when the battery box is fully inserted in its normal position. Reed discloses a vehicle battery changing and positioning device comprising lift arms pivotally mounted to the vehicle frame and releasably attached at their free ends to a battery tray and cover. However, none of the references of record suggests a battery box for a railway vehicle comprising a connector on the movable tray and a receiving connector provided on the casing, wherein a battery wire is configured to electrically connect the connector to the battery and a wire is provided within the casing to connect the receiving connector to a wire provided in the car body and located outside the casing in the manner defined in the instant claim 1 and in combination with other limitations of the claim. Therefore, claims 2-5, depending therefrom are considered to be allowable.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz F. Jules whose telephone number is (703) 272-6681. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph S. Morano can be reached on (703) 272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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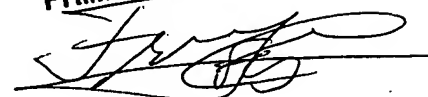
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May 2, 2005

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frantz', written over a horizontal line.